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Mr. Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
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**Re: Surface Transportation Board Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 396X); The
Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company (BNSF) Abandonment
in Ottawa, Kansas**

Dear Secretary Williams:

Please reference a Board decision served on December 26, 2002, in the above-referenced docket. A notice of interim trail use (until June 24, 2003) was issued to enable any state or local government agency, or other interested person to negotiate the acquisition of the line. BNSF is in negotiations with the City of Ottawa at this time and has determined that additional time to finalize a potential trail transaction will be necessary. Therefore, BNSF respectfully requests an extension of the notice of interim trail use for an additional 180 days (through December 21, 2003).

Sincerely,

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cc:

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